

REMARKS

With the addition of claims 17 and 18, claims 1 to 18 are currently pending in the present application.

With this communication, Applicants have elected without traverse the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1 to 14.

The Office Action further requires Applicants to elect claims of a single one of Groups IA-IF, which the Examiner improperly characterizes as all being patentably distinct species that are independent or distinct because they may each be used without the others. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement. While claims of particular ones of the groups may be directed to different species than claims of other particular ones of the groups, this is not the case with respect to all different groups. For example, claim 2 is directed to a particular species of data, *i.e.*, encrypted data, while claims 3 and 5 are directed to a feature of transmission, *i.e.*, data or authorization transmission via a radio signal. These groups are therefore not different species of an element, but are directed to different elements. Thus, with respect to those claims of different ones of the groups IA-IF that are not directed to different species, the Examiner has not provided any reason as to why election between them is required. Furthermore, “the examiner, in order to establish reasons for insisting upon restriction, must explain why there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required.” M.P.E.P § 808.02. With respect to the requirement to elect between the claims of different ones of Groups IA-IF, the Examiner has not provided any reason as to why there would be a serious burden on the examiner if election is not required. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement with respect to Groups IA-IF is therefore respectfully requested.

Although the restriction requirement with respect to Groups IA-IF should be withdrawn, to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, with this communication, Applicants have provisionally elected the claims of Group IF, namely, claims 9 to 14.

New claims 17 and 18 do not add any new matter and are fully supported by the present application, including the Specification. Claims 17 and 18 are directed to a system for outputting protected useful data.

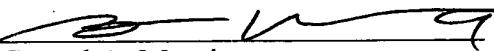
It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement with respect to Groups IA-IF be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-600.

Respectfully submitted,

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